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1. TOTAL OMANI EXPORTS IN 1975 AMOUNTED TO R.O. 370.8 (\$1,082,732,000). THIS FIGURE ALMOST ENTIRELY REPRESENTS CASH RECEIPTS OF THE OMANGOV FROM SALES OF CRUDE PETROLEUM. IMPORTS RECORDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS TOTALLED R.O. 231,358,691 (\$675.5) MILLION), WHILE UNRECORDED IMPORTS BY CERTAIN OMANGOV MINISTRIES NUMBERED ABOUT R.O. 130 MILLION. TOTAL IMPORTS BY OMAN WERE R.O. 361.3 MILLION.

2. RECORDED IMPORTS FROM THE US TOTALLED R.O. 22,311,316 (\$66 MILLION). MAJOR CATEGORIES OF US EXPORTS WERE CAST IRON PIPE (R.O. 5.4 MILLION), CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY (R.O. 926,000), AIR CONDITIONERS (R.O. 1.1 MILLION), GENERATORS (R.O. 700,000), PASSENGER CARS (R.O. 908,000), AND LIGHT AIRCRAFT (R.O. 1.3 MILLION). A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF US EXPORTS TO OMAN IS PROVIDED IN REFAIR B.

3. EXPORTS TO THE US CONSISTED ENTIRELY OF OIL. WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN THE EXACT MONETARY VALUE OF OIL SALES TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, SHIPMENTS GOF CRUDE TO THE US IN 1975 WERE 7.2 MILLION BARRELS, AND RVUVENUES ACCRUING TO THE OMANGOV FROM THESE SHIP- UNCLASSIFIED

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MENTS WERE APPROXIMATELY \$58 MILLION.

4. WE ARE SEEKING TO OBTAIN TRADE DATA FOR FIRST
QUARTER 1976 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS, AND WE
WILL FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT WHEN
IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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